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EXHIBIT 5
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SB 405

TO: Members of the House State Administration Committee
FROM: Joy Bruck, State President AARP Montana
RE: Opposition to SB 405

Madame Chair, Members of the Committee, for the record, I am Joy Bruck, State President of AARP Montana. We are a non-partisan organization of approximately 155,000 members here in Montana.

AARP Montana opposes SB 405. We believe that voting systems should maximize voter participation and same day registration does just that. I have served as an Election Judge for many years and there are very good reasons for voters needing to register on Election Day -- and, it is not due to their lack of responsibility as a voter. Just to name a few:

- they registered when renewing their driver's license but were not on voting list
- their names are erroneously missing from voting list
- may have been ill or somewhat incapacitated and not realized there is a problem with their registration until they arrive at the polls
- have recently moved to an assisted living home in another county and, during the trauma of that move, did not remember to update their registration

We also object to the title of this bill. We hope that the committee will amend the title to reflect the true meaning of SB 405. I have witnessed the confusion that voters have with misleading and overcomplicated titles of referendums. Each voter wants to take the time to understand and vote their conscience but titles like this manipulate voters' understanding of the referendum.

AARP does not want to see our right to vote jeopardized in any way. Therefore, we oppose SB 405 and hope that you will do the same.